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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox—Vessel fumigated to kill rats.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McMullen reports, December 2 and 10, as follows:

Week ended November 28, 1903: 12 vessels, with 951 crew and 650 passengers (449 steerage and 201 cabin), were inspected and granted bills of health; 720 crew and 335 steerage passengers were bathed and their baggage was disinfected—1,002 pieces. One vessel was fumigated with sulphur to kill rats. There were 3 rejections from all causes and 9 immigrants recommended for rejection because of loathsome or dangerous contagious disease. One case each of enteric fever (European) and smallpox (Chinese) were the only communicable diseases reported in the colony for the week.

Inspection of vessels—Plague.

Week ended December 5, 1903: 15 vessels, with 1,273 crew and 638 passengers (170 cabin and 468 steerage), were inspected and granted bills of health; 796 crew and 330 steerage were bathed and their baggage was disinfected—1,136 pieces. Two vessels for Manila via Amoy were instructed to call at Mariveles for disinfection. There were 21 aliens (Chinese) recommended for rejection because of loathsome or dangerous contagious disease.

The health of the colony is now good, and 1 fatal case of plague (Chinese) was the only communicable disease reported—a total of 1,422 cases since January 1.

Immigrants recommended for rejection.

Twenty-one immigrants per steamship *Siberia* for Honolulu and San Francisco were recommended, November 30, for rejection.

Fourteen immigrants per steamship *Coptic* for San Francisco recommended, December 8, for rejection.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, December 8, 1903, as follows: During the week ended December 5, 1903, 3 vessels, 215 crew, 43 cabin and 132 steerage passengers were inspected, and the effects of 1 steerage passenger were disinfected. There were also 9 immigration inspections made, with no rejections. One vessel was disinfected with bichloride solution 1:500, upon the request of the chief quarantine officer of the Philippine Islands.